The Executive session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 9:45 am. Present were Commissioner Bundy, Commissioner McKinley, Attorney Allen and Auditor Sullivan. Commissioner Stewart was absent. Only pending litigation and personnel matters were discussed.

The regular session was called to order by President Bundy with all other members in attendance, with the exception of Commissioner Stewart. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Claims totaling $130,717.55 were reviewed. Claim #108 & #109, totaling $248.29 was held, due to not having received the grant funds from the state. Claims totaling $130,469.26 were unanimously allowed.

Items on the agenda were as follows:

E.E. Martin - Agnes Martin Farm

As discussed by Mr. E.E. Martin, the Agnes Martin Farm has been all family divisions with exception of two (2) farm tracts. The board advised Mr. Martin that the two (2) sell offs outside of the family does not constitute reason to follow the steps for plat approval. Mr. Martin thanked the board for their information.

E.E. Martin & Margaret Ann Martin - Personal Farm

Mr. Martin presented the preliminary subdivision plat of his personal farm to the board for informational purposes only. Mr. Martin explained that he is currently undergoing the steps for plat approval. The board answered questions concerning the plat approval process.

SKYLIGHT RIDGE SUBDIVISION

Don Graves and Doc Miller of the Pierce Township Subdivision plat advisory committee discussed the following items with the developer of the Skylight Ridge Subdivision:

-Incorrect measurements on plat
-Covenants amended so that the property could not be used for industrial purposes

After discussing these changes and reviewing the Pierce Townships Advisory Committee's approval, Commissioner McKinley made a motion to approve the Skylight Ridge Subdivision. Commissioner Bundy seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

REPEATER SYSTEM

Perry Fleenor appeared before the Board to discuss an accident which was dispatched but not received in Gibson Township. Mr. Fleenor inquired about the progess of the installation of the Repeater System and discussed the importance of the system while relating it to the incident.

The Board asked Sheriff Combs to comment on the progress of the Repeater System. Sheriff Combs mentioned that two (2) sites had been chosen to locate the towers. One spot being at the Jefferson Township Firehouse and the second location being at the Herb Prater property in Gibson Township. Sheriff Combs said that no official "on line" date had been set. Combs stressed the importance of beginning the legal work and contacting local forces to make site preparations. Attorney Allen agreed to draw up an easement agreement for the involved locations. Perry Fleenor agreed to work with Surveyor Jeff Souder in obtaining a survey for the Herb Prater property.

FIRE TRUCK GRANT

Perry Fleenor requested the Commissioners support in obtaining grant funds for a new fire truck in Gibson Township. The Board informed Mr. Fleenor that his request would be documented on a waiting list.

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER

Madge Lyles and Pat Rice appeared before the Board requesting that the Commissioners make a recommendation to the County Council for additional funding. The additional funding would insure the Veteran's Service Officer a full time employee position with the county. Commissioner Bundy mentioned that Mr. Rice agreed to accept the position on a part time basis. Therefore, Commissioner Bundy was uncomfortable in making such a recommendation to the County Council.

County Council member, Merwyn Fisher appeared during the discussion and announced that the County Council had agreed to allow an additional $5,000 which is to last until the end of 2000. Mr. Fisher mentioned that the Council would like to see the Veteran's Office remain open two (2) days per week.

Madge Lyles commented that there would be a lot of angry Veterans in the community.

AECON, INC.

Christian Colovich of Aecon, Inc. appeared before the Board to discuss Phase II of the County's Bridge Inspection Plan. The Board announced that they had not made a decision as to who would be performing this task. The Board took the matter under advisement. The Board agreed to decide at the regular meeting on July 17th whether to hire a consultant or amend the contract with the SWMD Manager to perform Phase II of the County's Bridge Inspection.

TOWN OF FREDERICKSBURG

Commissioner McKinley made a motion to approve resolution 98-2 and 98-3 as having been submitted by the Town of Fredericksburg. Commissioner Bundy seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

SHERIFF'S DRUG INVESTIGATION FUND

Commissioner McKinley made a motion to adopt ordinance #2000-01, an ordinance authorizing the Washington County Sheriff's Drug Investigation Fund. Commissioner Bundy seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

ALLEY CLOSURE - CANTON AREA

Kenneth Zimmer presented a survey and consent forms pertaining to an alley closure in the Canton area. Attorney Allen indicated that the Board would have to advertise for a hearing to consider issues from the public. The public hearing date was set for August 21, 2000 @ 9:30 am. Auditor Sullivan agreed to create a file for the alley closure in Canton.

BOVINE BRUCELLOSIS AND TUBERCULOSIS ERADICATION

Commissioner McKinley made a motion to execute the contract with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health which includes the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis programs. The contract totals $1,000. Commissioner Bundy seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

PERSONNEL POLICY - SECTION 3.14

Commissioner McKinley made a motion to amend Section 3.14 of the Washington County Personnel Policy.

$30.00 perday plus verified overnight lodging if required.

With there being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned.

Commissioner Joseph Bundy

Commissioner Dale McKinley

Commissioner Kevin Stewart

ATTEST:
Washington County Auditor
Lana Sullivan